

A Private American 'Less Ugly'

The private citizen is more able than the Government employe to win friends for America in foreign lands, author-professor Eugene Burdick said here yesterday.

"Government aid is dis-trusted. When a government employe goes into a small Philippine village, they think he is a CIA man. It has taken Peace Corps members, for example, a year to be accepted," he added.

Burdick, co-author of "The Ugly American," spoke at a St. Francis Hotel press conference for the Thomas A. Dooley Foundation, a private group devoted to providing better health for Asians.

The foundation, named after the doctor who devoted the last years of his life to Asian people, is sending a medical team and volunteer stewardess Eleanor Buckley to a hospital in Laos this month.

Doctor Verne Chaney, the foundation's executive director, said the Dooley people do well because they do not push any political or religious beliefs onto the people, but show a "genuine interest" in them.

Women, he added, portray America better than men, as they offer more compassion and love.

Also attending the press conference were Doctor Robert Dykes and Zola Watson of the medical team; Malcolm Dooley, brother of the late Doctor Dooley, and Shirley Robinson, who recently returned from a school for Tibetan refugee children in India.

Mrs. Thomas A. Dooley Sr., 67 year old mother of the late doctor, is in a St. Louis hospital with a broken hip and was unable to attend.

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